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NOT DESIGNATE THE SPECIFIC PLACE ALTHOUGH HE SAID ~~HE KNEW~~ HE KNEW HIM IN A PRISON SOMEPLACE. WILSON WAS SHOWN PHOTO OF JAMES EARL RAY, MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, NUMBER ZERO ZERO FOUR ONE SIX, AND RAY'S CLOSE ASSOCIATE, WALTER T. RIFE, KANSAS CITY SHERIFF'S OFFICE NUMBER TWO NINE SIX THREE SIX, TOGETHER WITH SIX OTHER PHOTOGRAPHS. WILSON INITIALLY PICKED BOTH PHOTOGRAPHS OF RIFE AND RAY AS BEING RAY AND THEN SETTLED ON PHOTO OF RIFE AS THAT OF RAY. HE WAS ALSO SHOWN COMBINATION OF PHOTO OF RIFE AND RAY TOGETHER AND HE CONTINUED TO IDENTIFY RIFE AS RAY. WILSON DESCRIBED RAY AS BEING FIVE FOOT SIX OR SEVEN AND HE ALSO SAID <sup>RAY</sup> ~~HE~~ WAS PROBABLY YOUNGER THAN HIS OWN THIRTY SIX YEARS, ONE SIXTY POUNDS, WITH SCAR SOMEPLACE IN THE FOREHEAD AREA WHICH HE COULD NOT SEE IN PHOTOGRAPH OF RIFE. HE STATED RAY CONTINUALLY CHANGED HIS HAIR STYLE.

AVAILABLE INFO REFLECTS WILSON WAS RECEIVED NOVEMBER TWENTY ONE NINETEEN FIFTY ONE AT STATE PENITENTIARY, RAIFORD, FLORIDA FOR ESCAPE FROM COUNTY JAIL AND WAS LATER RECEIVED NOVEMBER SEVEN NINETEEN SIXTY ONE FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL

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INSTITUTE, TEXARKANA, TEXAS FOR MAIL THEFT AND FEDERAL P.V. AND WAS TRANSFERRED FROM THERE TO FCI, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA ON NOVEMBER TWENTY TWO NINETEEN SIXTY TWO. HIS LAST ARREST WAS AT SPRINGFIELD COLORADO BY THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE ON MAY TWO NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN FOR TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS. ABOVE INFORMATION IS NOT COMPLETE RECORD OF WILSON BUT RECORD DOES NOT CORRESPOND AT ANY POINT TO RECORD OF JAMES EARL RAY SO FAR AS KNOWN TO PHOENIX. WILSON DENIES ANY KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING KING'S ASSASSINATION OR ANY PLOT BY EXCONVICTS TO ASSASSINATE KING. WILSON ALSO DENIED I STATING RAY ORIGINAL TRIGGER MAN AND DENIED STATING THAT THE REAL KILLER WAS STILL IN ATLANTA. WILSON CLAIMS HE DID NOT STATE RAY WAS IN ANY SPECIFIC PLACE IN MEXICO BUT HAD MERELY COMMENTED THAT IF HE WERE RAY HE WOULD BE IN MEXICO.

WILSON QUESTIONED ABOUT IDENTITY OF ANONYMOUS CALLER. HE INDICATED BY ATTITUDE HE HAD IDEA OF CALLER'S IDENTITY BUT STEADFASTLY REFUSED TO REVEAL SAME TO INTERVIEWING AGENTS. INTERROGATION INDICATED CALLER POSSIBLY IDENTICAL TO

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CLARENCE CLARK WHO WILSON STATED HE SERVED TIME WITH AT  
RAIFORD, FLORIDA. WILSON DESCRIBED CLARKE AS WMA, IN HIS  
FORTIES, SMALL THIN BUILD, FIVE FEET ONE OR TWO INCHES,  
ONE THIRTY FIVE TO ONE FORTY POUNDS, GRAY HAIR.

PHOENIX CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF THERE  
IS ANY SUBSTANCE TO INFORMATION FURNISHED BY CALLER AND  
STATEMENTS MADE BY WILSON TO LIEUT. JACKSON.

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION WILL FURNISH ALL RECEIVING  
OFFICES COMPLETE IDENTIFICATION RECORDS OF JAMES EARL RAY  
FBI THREE ZERO SIX FOUR FOUR THREE A AND DAVID L. WILSON,  
FBI NUMBER SEVEN NINE TWO TWO FOUR TWO C. IDENT DIVISION  
ALSO REQUESTED TO SEARCH RECORDS ON BASIS OF NAME AND  
DESCRIPTION WHEREIN FOR IDENTIFICATION RECORD ON ONE  
CLARENCE CLARK WHO WOULD HAVE SERVED PRISON TERM AT RAIFORD,  
FLORIDA DURING PERIOD OF WILSON'S INCARCERATION THERE AND  
IF SUCH RECORD FOUND FURNISH SAME TO RECEIVING OFFICES.

JACKSONVILLE DIVISION CONTACT STATE PENITENTIARY,  
RAIFORD, FLORIDA AND ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY CLARENCE CLARK  
DESCRIBED ABOVE AND DETERMINE IF HE SERVED TIME WITH  
WILSON. IF IDENTIFIED FURNISH IDENT DIVISION WITH

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APPROPRIATE NUMBERS WITH REQUEST THAT ALL RECEIVING OFFICES BE FURNISHED IDENT RECORD. ALSO FURNISH DETAILS OF WILSON'S INCARCERATION AT RAIFORD.

DALLAS DIVISION AT TEXARKANA WILL ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY CLARENCE CLARK (PHONETIC) DESCRIBED ABOVE AS INMATE OF THAT INSTITUTION APPARENTLY DURING NINETEEN SIXTY ONE AND ~~1961~~ SIXTY TWO AND IF IDENTIFIED WILL REQUEST IDENTIFICATION DIVISION FURNISH COMPLETE ARREST RECORD TO RECEIVING OFFICES. DALLAS WILL ALSO SET OUT ANY NECESSARY LEADS TO LOCATE CLARK FOR INTERVIEW.

MEMPHIS ADVISE IF THERE IS ANY INDICATION OF CONSPIRACY OF EXCONS AS MENTIONED BY WILSON TO LIEUT. JACKSON.

KANSAS CITY WILL CONDUCT INVESTIGATION THROUGH GENERAL AVAILABLE SOURCES IN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY CLARENCE CLARK, PHONETIC, WHO IS BELIEVED TO POSSIBLY BE THE ANONYMOUS CALLER SINCE WILSON ALLEGEDLY TOLD LIEUT. JACKSON THE CALLER WAS FROM KANSAS CITY. NO LEAD BEING SET FOR KANSAS CITY RE LUFTON SINCE NOT LISTED IN POSTAL GUIDE. KANSAS CITY SHOULD UPON RECEIPT OF IDENT RECORD OF WILSON ATTEMPT TO

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VERIFY PLACE WHERE HE STATES HE WAS INCARCERATED DURING SUMMER OF SIXTY SEVEN FOR DWI AND WHERE HE MET RAY UPON HIS RELEASE.

LITTLE ROCK AT ELM SPRINGS ARKANSAS WILL THROUGH WILLIS SHAW LOCATE GENE BRISINDINE AND INTERVIEW BRISINDINE CONCERNING ALLEGED ARREST AND INCARCERATION OF WILSON DURING SUMMER OF SIXTY SEVEN WITH PARTICULAR PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING LOCATION OF THE OCCURRENCE SINCE THERE IS NO LUFTON, MISSOURI IN POSTAL GUIDE.

AIRMAIL COPIES SENT TO SALT LAKE CITY AND DENVER IN VIEW OF PROSPECTIVE LEADS.

. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

# FBI Puts Lid on Ray Manhunt News

**WASHINGTON, April 22—(UPI)—The FBI clamped a lid Monday on any public progress reports in the hunt for James Earl Ray, the accused sniper slayer of Dr. Martin Luther King.**

The strict "no comment" policy was expected to prevail until the escaped convict is captured or some dramatic new development occurs.

But the search for Ray, accused of masquerading under

the name of Eric Starvo Galt at the time Dr. King was assassinated in Memphis, was being pressed not only in the United States but in Mexico and Canada as well.

Various photos of Ray—as a convict who escaped from a

Missouri state prison and as an enrollee in a West Coast bartenders school — have been seen probably by millions since Friday when the FBI identified him from a comparison with latent fingerprints found in Memphis where Dr. King was killed April 4.

All three television networks have displayed photographs of the 40-year-old fugitive on news programs. Every major newspaper and news magazine has published them as well. In addition, Ray's picture was shown on the ABC network program, "The FBI," Sunday night. It claims an audience of some 25 million.

The FBI said it was checking out every lead produced by this massive exposure but refused to go beyond this non-committal statement.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

27 THE DENVER POST  
DENVER, COLORADO

Date: 4-23-68  
Edition: Home Final  
Author:  
Editor: Jack Foster  
Title:

MURKIN

Character:

or

Classification:

Submitting Office:

☐ Being Investigated

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL AGENTS AND INVESTIGATIVE CLERKS:      DATE: 4/22/68

FROM: SAC

MURKIN

The Bureau has instructed that the following information be ascertained:

Within two work days after the close of each month the following information must be submitted to the Memphis Division:

1. Number of man hours spent on MURKIN, broken down as to regular hours, overtime hours, and total man hours by following employees (separate figures for each class of employees shown:
  - a. Special Agents
  - b. Clerical employees
2. Total mileage (estimated or actual) traveled by Bureau cars used on case. Include mileage for cars traveling to and from other field offices on special assignment and any personally owned cars.
3. Any unusual or out of ordinary cost, such as chartering airplane, rental of special office space, leased telephone lines, etc. These expenses should be itemized and cost of each item shown.
4. Peak number of Special Agents working on case during month for which report is submitted.

The above information for the month of April must be compiled and submitted to the Memphis Division within two work days after 4/30/68.

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1-Each Agent and I.C.  
1-Chief Clerk  
1-Steno Supervisor  
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The requested information, by categories, must be furnished Memphis, even in the event each category is zero, or if no work is performed on the MURKIN case during the month.

In view of the above instructions, and in order to eliminate unnecessary paper work, each Agent and Investigative Clerk who has worked on the MURKIN case during April to date should submit a routing slip to SA ADSIT, who is the case Agent, in this matter, setting forth the pertinent information.

Any Agent or Investigative Clerk working on the MURKIN case in the future should indicate on the bottom of any memorandum prepared by him setting out results of investigation the cost data requested which was incurred during the course of that investigation.

The Chief Clerk and Stenographic Supervisor should set up a control system so they will be able to furnish pertinent information to SA ADSIT, pursuant to the instructions set forth above.

Where actual hours spent cannot be compiled, then the estimated hours spent should be used.



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: ALL AGENTS

DATE: 4/22/68

FROM: SAC

SUBJECT: MURKIN

All Agents have now been provided with copies of the wanted flyer concerning ERIC STARVO GALT and JAMES EARL RAY.

The wanted flyers contain a complete description of this individual as well as aliaises used by him.

Everyone immediately alert all Criminal Informants, Potential Criminal Informants, Security Informants, Potential Security Informants, Racial Informants, Racial Sources, etc., to be on the alert for possible information concerning RAY.

This information obviously should be forwarded to contacting Agent immediately.

I again want to remind all Agents that any leads received in this case must be covered within twenty-four hours and if it is necessary to set forth leads for other offices that must be done by telephone or teletype.

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1-Each Agent  
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*[Handwritten initials and signature]*

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TO: ALL FIELD DIVISIONS

FROM: DIRECTOR (222114)

MURKIN

REMAIRTEL TO ALL OFFICES APRIL ONE NINE LAST FURNISHING BACKGROUND DATA CONCERNING JAMES EARL RAY.

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED POSSIBLE SUSPECT IN ANY UNSOLVED BANK ROBBERIES, BURGLARIES OR ARMED ROBBERIES (POSSIBLE ITSP VIOLATIONS) OCCURRING AFTER APRIL TWO THREE ONE NINE SIX SEVEN. RAY SHOULD ALSO BE CONSIDERED SUSPECT IN ANY FUTURE SUCH VIOLATIONS AND BUREAU ADVISED TELEPHONICALLY OF ANY TENTATIVE IDENTIFICATION.

ANY PERTINENT LEADS DEVELOPED DURING REVIEW OF PAST VIOLATIONS SHOULD BE EXPEDITIOUSLY RUN OUT AND BUREAU ADVISED.

SUBJECT'S HANDWRITING AND HAND PRINTING NOT IDENTIFIED IN BANK ROBBERY NOTE FILE AND HIS FINGERPRINTS ARE BEING SEARCHED AGAINST LATENTS SUBMITTED IN UNSOLVED BANK ROBBERY AND BURGLARY VIOLATIONS.

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

cc 91-00  
to Rippe

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(2) *Wadsworth* *BSH*

If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's cryptographic systems.

① *Brooklyn* *JD*

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-203)

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : SA THOMAS H. WISEMAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Memorandum to SAC from SA JERRY A. KING dated 4/20/68.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. HOLLAND, co-owners of the Holland House, Golden, Colorado, on April 22, 1968, advised SA THOMAS H. WISEMAN that they are both on duty at the Holland House from approximately 6:00 a.m. to approximately 10:00 p.m. each day and are familiar with most of the guests there. A photograph of JAMES EARL RAY was displayed to them and they advised they have seen no one resembling RAY at the Holland House. Mrs. HOLLAND advised that their records show only four people checked into the Holland House during the night of 4/18-19/68, and they are as follows:

PHILLIP A. COCHENHAM  
1204 James Lane  
Colorado Springs, Colorado  
(2 in party)

JAMES CESARIO  
1919 First Avenue  
Scottsbluff, Nebraska  
(2 in party)

Mrs. HOLLAND stated CALIXTO CANCHOLA was the Night Clerk on duty from 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m., 4/19/68.

On April 22, 1968, CALIXTO CANCHOLA, clerk, Holland House, Golden, advised that he was on duty from 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m., 4/18-19/68, and that only four people registered in the motel during this period of time. He advised that PHILLIP A. COCHENHAM and JAMES CESARIO, each accompanied by his wife, registered at about midnight. He stated he has seen no one answering the description of JAMES EARL RAY at the motel. He advised that in the early hours of the morning of 4/19/68, he does recall a Yellow Cab driving to the employees' quarters of the Holland House;

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however, he did not observe who got out of the cab. Mr. CANCHOLA could furnish no further information.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, DENVER (157-203) (P)

FROM : SA BILL E. PEMBERTON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/23/68

Re: Memo from JOHN R. WANDS to SAC, 4/20/68.

On April 22, 1968, SA BILL E. PEMBERTON attempted to contact Mrs. DORIS BYERS, 1130 Logan Street, Denver, Colo. The manager of the apartment building located at 1130 Logan, advised that Mrs. BYERS works during the day and could be contacted after 6 o'clock.

The apartment manager was displayed photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT and questioned as to whether a tenant in the building, ROBERT CATHEY, resembled the photograph of GALT. The apartment manager stated in his opinion the FBI Wanted Flyer photograph of GALT did not resemble ROBERT CATHEY. The manager advised that CATHEY at present is not employed, and in fact, was visiting the apartment manager and his wife at the time of the interview.

ROBERT CATHEY was interviewed at 1130 Logan, Denver, and advised that he was in Denver seeking employment and making preparations to attend the Colorado School of Trade, Gunsmithing school, in the summer of 1968. CATHEY advised that his date of birth is [redacted] and he was employed by the Louisiana State Patrol from January 10, 1961, to April 21, 1968. He also stated that he has been in the area prior to April 21, 1968, but was on vacation from the Louisiana State Patrol; and his resignation was not effective until April 2, 1968. He further stated that his family resides in Arcadia, Louisiana and that as soon as he finds gainful employment, he plans to bring his family to Denver to reside with him.

Visual observation and interview of CATHEY by SA BILL E. PEMBERTON revealed CATHEY does not resemble ERIC STARVO GALT, nor does CATHEY have scar in center of his forehead or in palm of his right hand. The following description was obtained of ROBERT CATHEY by personal observation and interview:

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Name	ROBERT KENNON CATHEY
Date of birth	<input type="text"/>
Height	6'
Weight	185
Build	Medium to Heavy
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Occupation	Unemployed
Past employment	Louisiana State Police Patrolman

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, DENVER (157-203)

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : SA LAWRENCE L. LOCKWOOD

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 2:45 PM, on this date, Mr. DAVID THURSTON, Continental Finance Company, 1444 Chester Street telephonically advised SA LAWRENCE L. LOCKWOOD that JAMES EARL RAY or a person who looked very much like him was presently eating lunch at the White Spot, E. Colfax and Chester Sts, Aurora. THURSTON advised that the subject was wearing a heavy overcoat and was sitting in the 3rd or 4th booth facing Colfax.

SA CARTER, Car 14 was contacted on the radio and requested to proceed to the White Spot at 2:46 PM.



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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (137-9)

DATE: 4-20-68

FROM : SA Rippe

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☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: DN 103-C

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Dates of Contact 3-22; 4-5-68; 4-8-68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
91-3063 - Unsub; Burt Savings Bk., Burt, Ia. 3-5-68 BB		RBR
91-3064 - Unsub; 1st St. Bk., Billings, Okla. 3-4-68 BB		PBR
91-3063 - Unsub; 1st Fed S & L, Salt Lake City 3-7-68 BR		RBR
88-6529 - William Garrin Allen, aka FUG. "R 431 TO 4162 TOP TEN		FFF
88-6530 - Charles Lee Herron, aka FUG. "R 432 TOP TEN		FFF
91-3072 - Unsub; Valley Natl. Bk., Phoenix, 3-18-68 BR		RBR
91-3073 - Unsub; Nat Bn of De Moines 3-20-68 BR		RBR
91-3075 - Unsub; South Side FED S & L, KC, MO. 3-20-68 BB		RBR
Purpose and results of contact		
91-3072 - Unsub; Valley Natl. Bk., Phoenix, Ariz. 3-18-68 BR		RBR
<input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC		
88-5841 - HOWARD CALLENS JOHNSON, AKA FUG TOP TEN UFAP		SBC
91-3076 - DAVID EVANS, aka FUG. TOP TEN BR		RBR
3-22-68 - Contacted on above cases; negative; no suspects. Routing slips to agents.		
157-203 - MURKIN - On 4-5-68, CI stated has heard discussions about "retaliation", but persons doing talking were younger people, in teens and early 20s. Stated average Negro resident of Denver pays little attention to these youngsters, who are primarily troublemakers, irrespective of any racial incident, and who are always looking for a reason to cause trouble. CI will advise of any concrete information developed.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating V.G.	Coverage 88-91-157
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On 4-8-68, CI stated Negro area has a lot of "rumors" concerning possible "trouble", but reiterated it is just talk, and no substance to the rumors. CI indicated that the average Negro does not give credence to this type of rumor, since the source of such gossip are the younger Negroes, who will make trouble regardless of the "cause" involved. CI said these youngsters are not community leaders, and have no voice in Negro matters, and anything these youngsters do, will be a spontaneous thing, and not representative of the thinking of the Negro community.

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CI indicated the possibility of taking a trip to Chicago in the next few weeks to visit a friend.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, DENVER (157-203)

DATE: 4/24/68

FROM : SA BOYD D. ADSIT

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo from ASAC MORLEY 4/22/68 concerning ALBERT H. JAMES, and memo of SA Barry Sikes, 4/23/68 indicating that JAMES also used name "JESSE" and was driving 1965 Maroon Mercury, 1968 Colo. license RY 5225.

On 4/23/68, Mrs. JANE PENNA, Jefferson County DMV, advised writer that RY 5225 was listed to ALBERT H. JAMES, 10020 W. 13th Place, Lakewood, Colo.

ALBERT H. JAMES was interviewed by writer at his residence on 4/23/68. It was observed that he is 6'5" or taller, weighs about 290 lbs, and, while he has dark hair, does not closely resemble photographs of RAY/GALT or RIFE. JAMES said he uses the nick name of "JES E" and produced his business card which carried the name. The card shows that he is in the business of buying, selling, reproducing and restoring guns and has Federal Firearms Dealer License No 84-3977. He indicated he has been in business in Denver for several years. He is married and his wife was at home at the time of the interview.



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Date: 4/23/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via Airtel \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

To: SAC's, Denver (157-203)  
Memphis (44-1987)

✓ From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Denver airtel 4/18/68.

The remaining unidentified latent fingerprints and the latent impressions in this case are not identical with the fingerprints of Donovan Leon Curtis, FBI #969833D. No palm prints are available in our Identification Division files for Curtis.

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*[Signature]*

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**Airtel**

**To: SAC's, Denver (157-203)  
Memphis (44-1987)**

**From: Director, FBI (44-38861)**

**MURKIN**

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)(P)  
RE: MURKIN  
CR  
OO: Memphis

Re Denver teletype to Memphis and San Antonio  
4/15/68.

Inquiry at the Fort Brown Motor Hotel, Brownsville, Texas, on 4/15 and 16/68 revealed the only guest fitting the description furnished by WILLIAM CONWAY, Colorado Springs, Colorado, was that of a guest registered as WILLARD MESSICK Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, who was arrested by the local police department.

COP GUS O. KRAUSSE, FBI NA, on 4/17/68 advised WILLARD MESSICK was arrested 2 p.m., 4/15/68, on two counts of swindling by worthless check, at which time MESSICK claimed to be from Jacksonville, Florida. On being fingerprinted, he admitted true identity as JACK CHARLES THIESEN, wanted in State of Michigan for parole violation. THIESEN described as white male; age 36; born [redacted] Escambia, Michigan; 5'11"; 210 pounds; brown hair; hazel eyes. He is being held in the local county jail, Brownsville, Texas, on \$2,000 bond set on each of the two charges and a detainer has been placed for the State of Michigan.

Information copy submitted for Denver.

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*[Handwritten signatures and initials over the stamp]*

530 Downing Street  
Denver, Colorado 80218  
20 April 1968

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Denver, Colorado

Dear Sirs:

Since talking with you on the telephone this afternoon about the following matter, I have had second thoughts which call for some amplification of the point made.

I suggested that the alias of Eric Starvo Galt might be derived from one of the Ian Fleming mysteries in the following manner:

Auric = Eric  
Stavro Starvo  
Goldfinger Galt (alteration of the German "Gold" or  
"Geld", pronounced gelt)

On the other hand, if you take the literal German meaning of Galt, you get something else. In this case, Galt means inflammation of the udder, or, carried over, barren. Convert Starvo to starving and you get some wierd sense out of that.

If there is anything to this, it might mean that the man Ray, or whoever gave him the name, is subject to the crackpot fantasies found usually in "English literature departments.

On the other hand, maybe the crackpot element here is this letter.

*Cecilia 105-1585*  
Sincerely,

*Max Mote*  
Max Mote

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*4/23/68 - 11:15 AM -*  
*Letter daily acknowledged*  
*by telephone + appreciation*  
*was extended to him for sending*  
*IT - HE ADVISED THAT "STAVRO"*  
*IS MENTIONED AS "AURIC STAVRO GOLDFINGER"*  
*IN SOME JAMES BOND NOVEL*  
*OTHER THAN "GOLDFINGER" - MAX*  
*CAN'T AT THIS TIME REMEMBER WHICH NOVEL*  
*BUT WILL ADVISE IF HE DOES.*

*Bill Spring*

*At 1:45 p 4/23/68, Mote said "ERNEST*  
*STAVRO BLOFELD" IS MENTIONED ON PAGE*  
*38-41 of novel "Thunderball" by*  
*Ian Fleming, also p. 13 of book*  
*"On Her Majesty's Secret Service" by same*  
*author -*



Federal Bureau of Investigation

Federal Office Building

Denver

M. Mote  
530 Downing Str  
Denver, 80218



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# Galt Alert Issued in King Case

**TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—(UPI)**—The search for the slayer of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. has taken another mysterious twist and was turned toward Florida Tuesday.

The FBI Monday night issued a pickup order for prime suspect Eric Starvo Galt and asked that it be transmitted to all law enforcement agencies in Florida. The order said Galt was wanted for "civil rights conspiracy" and had used the aliases of Harvey Lowmyer and John Willard.

It made no mention of James Earl Ray, the 40-year-old escapee from the Missouri State Prison whom FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover said fingerprints had proved was the same person as Galt. "Ray and Galt are identical," Hoover said last week.

The FBI in Miami refused comment. Earlier Monday, the FBI in Washington clamped a lid on any public progress report on the manhunt. The policy was expected to prevail until a suspect is captured or some dramatic new development occurs.

Ray was placed on the list of the FBI's 10 most wanted criminals Saturday, and alerts have been issued in Canada and Mexico as well as the United States.

The Florida alert was the state's second in 12 days for Galt. On April 11, the day a white Mustang car registered to Galt was found abandoned in Atlanta, the FBI issued a "lo-

cate and observe" order for Galt in Florida. About five hours later, it was canceled and the FBI indicated later the order was a mistake.

A Miami police official was skeptical of the current alert's failure to mention Ray's name.

"Maybe in about another week the correction will catch up with the message," he said.

A federal warrant charging conspiracy has been issued against Galt, and police in Memphis, Tenn., where Ray was slayed by a sniper April 4, have charged Galt with murder.

The FBI alert advised, "Eric Starvo Galt is sought in connection with murder, wherein he was shot. Consider him extremely dangerous."

The alert described Galt as white, 30 years old, 5'8" to 5'10" in height, with blue or hazel eyes and brown hair. One distinguishing mark, the FBI said, is a noticeably protruding left ear.

The FBI alert said Galt "is reportedly a lone wolf and allegedly attended a dance instruction school, and has reportedly completed a course in bartending."

## WOMAN SOUGHT

In Los Angeles, the FBI was reported trying to find a blonde woman who was dating James Earl Ray before Ray disappeared from Southern California.

The FBI office declined to comment on the report.

However, the woman was known to have been with Ray in a Hollywood bar one evening during the second week in March — one of the last times Ray was seen in the area before King's assassination.

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# 'Ray Sought King 'Bounty,' Buddy Says

**DALTON, Ga., April 23—(UPI)—A prison buddy of James Earl Ray said Tuesday when Ray heard there was a million-dollar bounty on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., he smiled and said "I'll collect it."**

Ray, a 40-year-old fugitive from the Missouri State Prison, is accused by the FBI of assassinating Dr. King in Memphis on April 4.

In Atlanta, it was learned Tuesday that the FBI had investigated reports that Ray, masquerading as Eric Starvo Galt, met two women in a hotel the weekend after the slaying.

The FBI impounded three water glasses from the Briarcliff Hotel the week Dr. King was buried and showed a desk clerk pictures of Galt. The clerk said he recognized the picture as the man who rented the room the Sunday after the slaying.

The next day an attractive young brunet arrived at the room and the following day another young woman, wearing steel-rimmed glasses and dressed like a hippie, joined the other two, the clerk said.

The FBI has interviewed two Atlanta cab drivers who said they drove a man resembling Galt around the hippie district about the same time.

In the Dalton jail, Raymond Curtis, 40, awaiting appeal on a murder sentence, said he

has known Ray in the Kansas City jail, in federal prison at Leavenworth, Kan., and in the state prison at Jefferson City, Mo.

He described Ray as likeable, addicted to "dope," a "loner" and a man concerned only with money.

On the day President Kennedy was assassinated—Nov. 23, 1963—Curtis said he, Ray, and about 150 other prisoners were in an exercise yard when they heard the news.

He said Ray remarked "Well, somebody made a pretty penny on that."

About a week later, Curtis said, he and Ray were in the yard when "a new man just in off the street" told them "the businessmen's association has a million dollar bounty out for Martin Luther King."

Ray smiled, Curtis recalled, and said "If there's a million dollars out for King, I believe if I ever get out I'll collect it."

Curtis said he never figured out what the "new man" meant by the "businessmen's association." He said he couldn't remember who the man was.

"I didn't think much about it at the time. In prison, you hear all sorts of hellacious ideas," said Curtis, a tall, rawboned man.

Authorities in Jefferson City confirmed that Curtis and Ray were in prison at the same time. Authorities in Dalton said the FBI had interviewed Curtis on Sunday and again Monday night. It refused comment on the matter.

Curtis said Ray told him "he always carried a gun. He was always interested in money," Curtis said, but never mentioned racial matters.

"He never made no statements of any kind in a group," Curtis said. "He was a loner."

Ray couldn't "make a long conversation unless he was planning something," said Curtis. "If he was planning something, you could bet they'd be thorough plans." Ray, he said, masterminded things "that would be small things outside, but were pretty big jobs in prison"—such as the theft of eggs and drugs and cigarettes.

He said Ray told him that if he ever wanted to kill someone, he would buy a gun under a false name, and have everything ready for an escape. "He used to talk a lot about escaping to New Zealand, Brazil and Argentina," Curtis said.

"I wouldn't consider him dangerous," Curtis said. "He didn't look for trouble."

"Of course, I'm not saying he wouldn't shoot you if you ran up on him now."

Curtis said he first met Ray in 1955, when he was serving time for bank robbery, and Ray for forging postal money orders, in the Kansas City jail. He said they were transferred to Leavenworth, where Ray "played a lot of miniature golf."

They met again when Curtis was sent to Jefferson City on a 10-year armed robbery conviction.

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## Tighten Gun Bill

THE difficulty of enforcing laws against the misuse of firearms is demonstrated by the apparent actions of James Earl Ray, 40, named last week by the FBI as a suspect in the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King.

There is strong public sentiment in favor of tightening controls over the sale of guns, according to the latest Harris survey. Control legislation has been before Congress for more than a year, the survey reported, but opposition from the National Rifle Association and other groups has prevented a vote on it.

Whether or not Ray is found guilty of the killing, it appears from facts presented so far that he violated a 1938 gun law.

The Federal Firearms Act of 1938 provides penalties up to \$2,000 or five years in prison for violations of its provisions. The provisions make it unlawful for Ray, as a convict and fugitive from justice (Ray fled the Missouri Penitentiary last year), to buy a firearm and carry it across state lines. Evidence indicates Ray purchased a weapon in Alabama and transported it to Memphis, Tenn., where King was slain.

Ironically, while this old law has teeth in it, two proposed laws in the U.S. Senate would not have prevented Ray from obtaining the gun he is charged with misusing.

The two bills—one backed by Sen. Thomas Dodd, D-Conn., the other by Sen. Roman Hruska, R.-Neb.—are aimed more in the direction of halting promiscuous mail order sales of firearms.

BUT there is a provision in the Hruska bill requiring foolproof identification of a prospective mail order purchaser (the dealer can go to jail, too, if he accepts false information). It appears reasonable to suggest that this provision be extended to all gun purchases, mail order or over-the-counter.

This would be a form of registration, which gun groups oppose, but it seems a wise precaution to take.

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## Confusion in the Great Manhunt

A N ASSISTANT police chief in Memphis said this week he was confused about the search for the killer of Dr. Martin Luther King. Imagine, then, the confusion of the rest of the nation.

Two days after King's death, U.S. Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark said in Memphis the police were "very close" to the killer. But almost three weeks have gone by since then without much indication of an early arrest.

Fortunately the Federal Bureau of Investigation is now satisfied it has identified a fugitive suspect: James Earl Ray, also known as Eric Starvo Galt. This may go a long way toward dispelling the public's bewilderment and concern about the greatest national manhunt of recent times.

Obviously when Ramsey Clark spoke so optimistically in the early hours of the investigation he was trying to reassure people that everything possible was being done. Unfortunately his promise of an early arrest came to have a hollow ring as day after day went by.

At the same time, private and public investigators were pouring out a great, indigestible mass of fact and fancy about the King case. The wanted man, they said, was in his 20s—or 1 a the 30s; he had black hair—or sandy hair; he was a nondrinker—or he liked vodka and beer; he was about 5 feet 8—or close to 6 feet tall.

Even the cautious and close-mouthed FBI had to stop and check its signals a few times.

On April 12, the FBI issued—then abruptly canceled—an order to find a man known as Eric Starvo Galt.

A few days later, after "Galt" was formally charged in court, the FBI said he apparently had been in California in 1964 and 1965. But it turned out the man identified as James Earl Ray had been in prison in Missouri in those years. So the California link of 1964-65

"Galt's" fingerprints match those of Ray in the FBI files, the agency says.

Whoever this man is, of course, he is not convicted of anything. But some of the confusion of this long investigation will be resolved if he can be found and questioned.

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is sufficiently convinced it Ray—"Galt" on its list of most-wanted fugitives. The official description now being circulated is this: born [redacted] in Illinois, 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighing 175 pounds, blue eyes, medium complexion and brown hair, probably cut short, a mole in the center of the forehead and a mole on the right hand, a noticeably prominent left ear.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-203)

FROM : SA JERRY A. KING

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/23/68

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Re Memo of EDWARD N. HAWKINS, dated 4/22/68

DWIGHT LATHAM, 3071½ S. Washington, Englewood, Colorado advised that his father owns the house at 3071 So. Washington and that he (Latham) manages it for his father. LATHAM stated that one LENA CORDELL resides at 3071 So. Washington and that her husband and son live with her. LATHAM stated that the son moved in approximately a week ago.

LATHAM was shown a photo of subject and he stated that there was no person identical to this photo living at 3071 So. Washington.

Mrs. LENA CORDELL was contacted concerning her son and at this time she made available a picture of her son, ROBERT CORDELL, who works for Gemo Mfg. Co. This picture was shown to LATHAM, who identified the picture as her son and by observation of this picture and LATHAM's statement it was ascertained that there is no one at 3071 So. Washington identical to subject.



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TO : SAC (157-203)

DATE: 4/24/68

FROM : ASAC MORLEY

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Attached is a photograph of CURTIS, as well as the Logan County Sheriff's Office file card on DONOVAN LEON CURTIS, which sets forth background information on that individual.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, DENVER (157-203) (P)

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : SA ALVIN W. BERRY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: Denver teletype to Boston, 4/19/68.

On 4/19/68, WILLIAM ELLIS, Manager, Antlers Plaza Hotel, Colorado Springs, Colorado, advised that a maid out his hotel, OPAL KANCHEL, had advised his executive housekeeper, BILLY KRAFT, that an individual that occupied room 1420 at the Antlers from 4/15/68 - 4/18/68, bore a strong resemblance to the photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT which she had seen in the local newspaper the morning of 4/19/68.

ELLIS stated that the individual to whom KANCHEL was referring had checked in on 4/15/68 at 10:31 AM, listing his name as JOSEPH A MURPHY, 47 Samoset St., Boston, Massachusetts, method of transportation as bus.

ELLIS continued that this individual had checked out on 4/18/68 at 10:20 AM, paying his bill of \$44.88 in cash. ELLIS pointed out that this consisted of 3 days room rent, 6 local telephone calls and tax.

ELLIS stated that no records or kept of local calls as they are dialed direct from the various rooms of the hotel.

On 4/19/68 ROGER TERRILL, night manager, Antlers Plaza Hotel, advised that he had checked the individual using the name MURPHY both in and out of room 1420. TERRILL explained that his initials appear on the registration card for both dates, 4/15/68 and 4/18/68.

TERRILL stated he could not recall anything about this individual other than that he was "ordinary looking" and had only a small "gym type" canvas bag.

On 4/19/68 BILLY KRAFT, executive housekeeper, Antlers Plaza Hotel, advised that on this morning she had been advised by one of her maids at the hotel, OPAL KANCHEL, that the individual who had checked out of room 1420 on 4/18/68 bore a strong resemblance to the photo of ERIC STARVO GALT which she had seen in the morning newspaper. KRAFT continued she made this fact known to the

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manager, WILLIAM ELLIS.

KRAFT pointed out that KANCHEL had been employed by the hotel since its opening, approximately one year, and seemed to be quite reliable. KRAFT stated however that KANCHEL tended to be somewhat dramatic at times. KRAFT explained that she ment by this that KANCHEL had on occasion made situations appear more important than they really were.

On 4/19/68, OPAL KANCHEL, maid, Antlers Plaza Hotel, Colorado Springs, Colorado, advised that on this morning she had seen a picture of ERIC STARVO GALT in the morning paper and thought it looked a great deal like the individual who had occupied room 1420 at the Antlers from 4/15/68 - 4/18/68.

KANCHEL stated that this individual had been quite "secretive". She explained that he had appeared to purposely try to keep her from seeing his face when she had come to clean his room but she had seen him clearly on about two occasions.

KANCHEL described this individual as follows:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Height:	5'10"
Weight:	145-160
Hair:	Light Brown
Eyes:	Brown
Age:	35-40
Clothing:	Yellow short sleeve shirt, dark pant
Characteristics:	Smoked Marlboro cigeretts; Slept on right side of double bed (facing from foot); used safety razor; Folded towels & bath cloths after use

It will be noted that referenced teletype directed the Boston Division to check JOSEPH A. MURPHY, 47 Samoset St., Boston, in an attempt to determine if he could possibly be identical with GALT. No further investigation being conducted at Colorado Springs pending communication from Boston.

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Date: 4/19/68

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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Enclosed to the Bureau are three photographs, one of ROBERT BOLIVAR DE PUGH and two of an unknown individual. Enclosed to each office designated is one photograph containing the two views of the unknown individual.

On 4/18/68, SAS of the NYO while conducting investigation at Time, Inc., New York, New York, were advised of the following information by GEORGE HUNT, Managing Editor:

An AP teletype just off the wire with dateline of Kansas City, disclosed that the United States Attorney's Office reported that an informant told the Federal Government some time ago that Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING was among persons ordered assassinated if ROBERT BOLIVAR DE PUGH ever went to jail. DE PUGH is the leader of the Minutemen Organization, Militant Right Wing Organization. It was stated that DE PUGH had issued orders to other Minutemen that if he went to jail, certain persons connected with this prosecution, and others, were to be assassinated, including Dr. KING.

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DE PUGH and WALTER PATRICK PEYSON are appealing a 1966 conviction in Kansas City for national firearms violation. DE PUGH and PEYSON are wanted on a Federal Grand Jury indictment accusing them of conspiracy to rob banks in Seattle in January.

HUNT advised that the aforementioned information with respect to the Minutemen recalled an article done by "LIFE" in about October, 1961 with regard to hate groups. In this connection photographs were taken in October, 1961 in Shiloh, state unknown, and in Collinsville, Illinois of certain Minutemen, some identified and some unidentified. DE PUGH was one of the individuals identified by name, but under restrictions imposed upon the photographer, identity of others by name was withheld.

The reporter for the article was WILL JARVIS, last known address and telephone number, Bronxville, New York, PE 8-0715. The photographer was CARL IWASAKI, 1465 Monroe Street, Denver, Colorado, telephone #Dexter 3-1290.

HUNT made available three 11"x14" photographs, one of which is DE PUGH and the other two photographs of an unidentified individual who somewhat resembles ERIC STARVO GALT. Both shots of this second individual apparently were taken about the same time. In one of these photographs the unknown individual is sitting with his eyes shut like in the GALT picture released to the public.

One of the other photographs in the group was an individual believed by Chief of Police REESE DOBSON, St. Clair County, Illinois, to be SA JACK ROBERTS, Belleville. ROBERTS, believed to be working undercover, was thought by DOBSON to have once worked on the COORS kidnapping case.

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Springfield contact informants and other logical sources for purpose of identifying photos unknown Minuteman enclosed herewith.

Denver contact CARL IWASAKI, mentioned above, in effort to identify Minuteman whose photos are enclosed herewith.

New York will contact WILL JARVIS for same purpose.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-203)

FROM : EDWARD N. HAWKINS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/23/68

This date writer was telephonically contacted by one TERRY VANBERMOLEN, 2441 Quitman, Denver, Colorado, telephone number 433-4266.

Mr. VANBERMOLEN advised that he noticed a male individual at the VIP Lounge, West Colfax, this date who fit the description of JAMES EARL RAY. He advised that this individual had a very noticeable southern accent. It was noticed by VANBERMOLEN that this individual was driving a 1967 Ford Mustang, bearing Oklahoma license 7H9370.

Writer advised Mr. VANBERMOLEN that the information furnished by him would be gladly taken.

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**TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)**  
**FROM : SAC, DENVER (157-203)**  
**SUBJECT: MURKIN**  
**OO: ME**

**RE: Laundry Marks**

**Re Memphis airtel to all SACs, dated 4/19/68.**

**All laundry plants in Boulder, Colorado Springs, Denver, Englewood, Grand Junction, and Pueblo, Colorado; as well as Casper, Wyoming, who utilize Thermo-Seal Marking Machines in their operations were recontacted 4/22-23/68 concerning a yellow tape containing the code "20R-3", without effecting an identification.**

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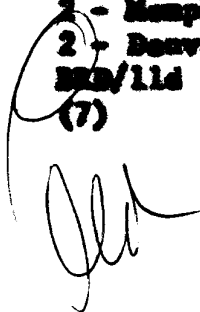
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MURKIN, ~~SECRET~~.

RE: UNIDENTIFIED PHOTOGRAPH OF MINUTEMAN

RE NEW YORK AIRTEL TO BUREAU, DATED APRIL NINETEEN LAST.

ON APRIL TWENTY THREE LAST, ~~REDACTED~~

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DENVER, ~~REDACTED~~ ADVISED ~~REDACTED~~ CANNOT RECALL NAME OF ~~REDACTED~~ INDIVIDUAL  
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HALL OF ~~REDACTED~~ MINUTEMEN IN COLLINSVILLE, ILLINOIS.

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IDENTITY OF ~~REDACTED~~ UNIDENTIFIED MAN.

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OF [REDACTED] MAN IN [REDACTED] PHOTOGRAPHS. HE STATED [REDACTED] HE COULD  
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RECALLS HIM AS BEING AN AGENT FROM HAVING SEEN HIM ON MORE  
THAN ONE OCCASION DURING THE COORS KIDNAPING CASE IN  
COLORADO. HE STATED THAT BECAUSE HE RECOGNIZED HIM, HE WAS  
CAREFUL NOT TO PHOTOGRAPH HIM.

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SA JACK ROBERTS WAS MENTIONED BY CHIEF REESE DOBSON, ST.  
CLAIR COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS A MAN HE BELIEVED TO BE WORKING  
UNDER COVER AMONG THE MINUTEMEN.

SAME LEADS AS SET OUT IN RE AIRTEL SHOULD BE COVERED  
BY SPRINGFIELD AND NEW YORK.

MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM ADVISED AIRMAIL.  
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11-12 AM URGENT 4-24-68 BID

TO DIRECTOR, (44-38861), NEW YORK (44-1609), AND SPRINGFIELD  
FROM DENVER (157-203) 2P

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RE: UNIDENTIFIED PHOTOGRAPH OF MINUTEMAN.

RE NEW YORK AIRTEL TO BUREAU, DATED APRIL NINETEEN LAST.

ON APRIL TWENTY THREE LAST, PHOTOGRAPHER,  
CARL IWASAKI, ONE FOUR SIX FIVE MONROE STREET,  
DENVER, ADVISED CANNOT RECALL NAME OF INDIVIDUAL  
IN PHOTOGRAPH FURNISHED DENVER OFFICE BY NEW YORK. HE  
FELT PICTURES WERE MOST LIKELY TAKEN AT MEETING  
HALL OF MINUTEMEN IN COLLINSVILLE, ILLINOIS.

HE FELT THE WRITER, WILL JARVIS, MIGHT KNOW  
IDENTITY OF UNIDENTIFIED MAN.

MR. IWASAKI STATED HE TOOK NUMEROUS PICTURES, ALL  
IN POSSESSION OF TIME, INCORPORATED, NEW YORK  
CITY, AND A THOROUGH REVIEW OF ALL PICTURES MIGHT POSSIBLY  
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CONTAIN ONE ON WHICH THE IDENTITY OF UNIDENTIFIED  
MAN IS SET FORTH.

HE ALSO STATED HE RECALLED SEEING SPECIAL  
AGENT OF FBI IN COMPANY OF THESE MINUTEMEN AND  
THAT THIS SPECIAL AGENT MIGHT POSSIBLY KNOW IDENTITY  
OF MAN IN PHOTOGRAPHS. HE STATED HE COULD  
NOT REMEMBER THE SPECIAL AGENT-S NAME BUT THAT HE DEFINITELY  
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GDR

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JMS FBI WASH DC

RDS FBI NEW YORK

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Army	James Earl Ray #16 163 129	February 19, 1946		
Sheriff's Office Los Angeles, California	James Earl Ray #B-119908	October 11, 1949	suspicion of burglary	
Police Department Los Angeles, California	James Earl Ray #139648	October 11, 1949	suspicion 459 Penal Code (burglary)	8 months County Jail suspended; 2 years probation served; first 90 days County Jail; 146 December 30, 1949 Cs129438
Sheriff's Office Cedar Rapids, Iowa	James E. Ray #5937	April 18, 1950	vagrancy	
Police Department Alton, Illinois	James Earl Ray #7514	July 23, 1951	no operator's license - no State License - no City License	released to pay later
Police Department Chicago, Illinois	James Ray #D90696	May 6, 1952	robbery (Gun)	Grand Jury \$3000
Cook County Jail Chicago, Illinois	James Ray #131165	May 9, 1952	robbery	June 13, 1952 sentenced to penitentiary 1 to 2 years
State Penitentiary Joliet, Illinois	James E. Ray #32419	June 13, 1952	robbery	1 to 2 years
State Penitentiary Pontiac, Illinois	James E. Ray #13121	July 7, 1952	robbery	1 to 2 years March 12, 1953 - discharged

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Sheriff's Office Edwardsville, Illinois	James Earl Ray #2640	August 30, 1954	burglary and larceny	
Police Department Hannibal, Missouri	James E. Ray #40714	March 23, 1955	investigation of breaking and entering Post Office	
State Highway Patrol Macon, Missouri	James Earl Ray #B-3376	March 23, 1955	cashing stolen postal money orders	released to Postal Inspector Kansas City, Missouri March 24, 1955
United States Marshal Kansas City, Missouri	James Earl Ray #12018	March 28, 1955	forgery United States Postal Money Order	sentenced to 15 months custody of Attorney General
Sheriff's Office Kansas City, Missouri	James Earl Ray #29637	March 28, 1955	Forgery - Government	July 7, 1955 3 years and months
United States Penitentiary Leavenworth, Kansas	James Earl Ray #72493-L	July 7, 1955	Post Office Laws Forge Money Orders	3 years and 9 months May 20, 1958 conditional release March 31 1959 maximum April 5, 1958 conditional release on charge of Post Office forgery Post Office Money Orders
Police Department Saint Louis, Missouri	James Earl Ray #1071	October 10, 1955	suspicion of robbery	

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Police Department Saint Louis, Missouri	James Earl Ray #81071	October 16, 1959	suspicion of robbery stealing and fugitive other authorities	
State Penitentiary Jefferson City, Missouri	James Earl Ray #00416	March 17, 1960	"TC" operating motor vehicle without permission of owner robbery first "b/m DDW" (2 charges)	20 years (20, 7, 5, concurrent)
State Hospital Number 1 Fulton, Missouri	James Earl Ray #37045 C-5	September 8, 1966	Patient	

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	WANTED: James Earl Ray for escape April 23, 1967 (operating motor vehicle without permission of owner; robbery first degree "b/m of a D & DW") (will extradite) Notify Warden State Penitentiary Jefferson City, Missouri information received May 10, 1967.			

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	<p>WANTED BY BUREAU: James Earl Ray, also known as, James McBride, James Walyon, W.C. Herron, James O'Conner, Jim, for unlawful flight to avoid custody-robbery first Fugitive Index #121426 Bureau file #38-41730 Office of Origin Kansas City information received July 27, 1967. CAUTION: ARMED AND DANGEROUS</p> <p>Alias: James Walton</p> <p>WANTED BY BUREAU: Eric Starvo Galt, also known as Harvey Lowmyer, John Willard, Civil Rights-Conspiracy Fugitive Index #127540 Bureau File #44-38861 Office of Origin Memphis. Information received April 19, 1968. CAUTION: ARMED AND DANGEROUS</p>			
	<p>THIS IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM THE CONTRIBUTOR OF THE FINGERPRINTS.</p>			

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